



## FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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✓ Steve Paul

Committee to Re-Elect Steve Paul

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### **Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 09/703; Committee to Re-Elect Steve Paul; Steve Paul, Treasurer**

Dear Mr. Paul:

The Fair Political Practices Commission (the "FPPC") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act"),<sup>1</sup> found in Government Code section 81000, et seq. This letter is in response to a referral from the Placer County Clerk that alleged you failed to file your semi-annual campaign statements (Form 460) for the periods July 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, and January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009. Sections 84200 of the Act requires campaign committees to file semi-annual campaign statements.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that you failed to file Form 460 by the February 2, 2009 and the July 31, 2009 deadlines. The Act requires that candidates and their committees file campaign statements at periodic intervals. Specifically the Act provides that elected officers, candidates, and committees shall file semiannual statements. (Section 84200.) The Committee to Re-Elect Steve Paul is obligated to continue filing campaign statements until the date it officially terminates.

Your action violated the Act since you failed to file Form 460 in a timely manner. However, because you filed your missing statements, had no activity on those statements, and have filed all necessary forms since, we are closing your case with this warning letter. The information in this matter will be retained and may be considered should an enforcement action become necessary based on newly discovered information or future conduct. Failure to comply

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<sup>1</sup> The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014. All statutory references are to the Government Code, unless otherwise indicated. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in sections 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. All regulatory references are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations, unless otherwise indicated.

with the provisions of the Act in the future will result in monetary penalties of up to \$5,000 for each violation.

A warning letter is an FPPC case resolution without administrative prosecution or fine. However, the warning letter resolution does not provide you with the opportunity for a probable cause hearing or hearing before an Administrative Law Judge or the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you wish to avail yourself of these proceedings by requesting that your case proceed with prosecution rather than a warning, please notify us within ten (10) days from the date of this letter. Upon this notification, the FPPC will rescind this warning letter and proceed with administrative prosecution of this case. If we do not receive such notification, this warning letter will be posted on the FPPC's website ten (10) days from the date of this letter.

Please feel free to contact Alisha Heilman at (916) 322-7486 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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Gary S. Winuk, Chief  
Enforcement Division

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